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1 between their parents or caretakers may also be victims of  
2 neglect or physical, emotional or sexual abuse; and

3 WHEREAS, the negative effects on children from exposure to  
4 domestic violence include emotional distress, somatic  
5 complaints, developmental delays or regression, post-traumatic  
6 stress symptoms, aggression, delinquency, anxiety and social  
7 withdrawal; and

8 WHEREAS, efforts to strengthen, enhance and expand  
9 services for children and adult victims of domestic violence  
10 can reduce violence in the home, increase positive health  
11 outcomes and help counteract the overall negative effects of  
12 domestic violence; and

13 WHEREAS, a study of services available in New Mexico to  
14 treat children exposed to domestic violence would assist the  
15 department of health, the children, youth and families  
16 department and other community groups to better coordinate and  
17 improve such services, leading to a more comprehensive  
18 continuum of care available and accessible to all traumatized  
19 children and their families;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
21 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department of health and the  
22 children, youth and families department be requested to lead a  
23 study surveying and assessing New Mexico's approach to  
24 providing services and treatment for children exposed to  
25 domestic violence; and

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